Guests: Jim Posey, Associate Vice President for Institutional Research, Planning, and Information Management; Michele Smith, Director for Institutional Research; Lizmarie Maldonado, Sr. Statistician and Data Analyst - Workshop with Dr. Posey and Team – Retention, Progression, and Graduation:
Jim Posey and his team provided definitions, perceptions, trends and relevant comparisons for CofC with state, national averages primarily over the past 5 years in the areas of:
Retention, Persistence, Graduation
Admission targets and populations
Competition for smaller population of college-aged students
Transfers from 2-year college
Transfers to first choice institution
Transfers for majors
Majors selection in first year – positive effect on student making connections
Early warnings to detect – importance of staff/faculty recognizing and contacting
CofC’s strength nationally with 56.8% master’s public rate of 4-yr Graduation vs. 25.7% nationally
(Prof. Caudill will be co-chairing a new Retention Committee, will explore more data, promote earlier/stronger connections, outreach to students on selecting majors, and best practices of CofC peers/aspirants.)
Also, appreciation and best wishes to Jim Posey for his continued support of SALT a day ahead of retirement.

Updates and Announcements
- Cougar Alerts – clarification to follow Cougar Alert unless EVP advises differently based on need.
- Communications Workshop w/Kristen Halverson was determined as September 26 Retreat Topic.
- Student Activity Fee Allocations: Anticipate lower allocations for 2019-2020 to help meet demand.
- Assessment data entry due June 24 for review by liaisons.
- BOT Structural Changes effective Aug. – Combining committees such as Student Affairs/Athletics, Budget/Finance/Audit/IT, and Development/Alumni/Govt Rel. allowing for full Board attendance.
- New Student/Family Orientation dates begin next week.
- Weeks of Welcome update – more programming needed; contact Christine Workman/Student Life.

Upcoming Meetings and Themes:
- Division Breakfast - Mon. Aug. 5 8:45-10:30 a.m. — Dr. Hsu as guest/speaker – Stern Ballroom
- SALT Meetings:
  Thurs., July 11 SALT Mtg. - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stern 409
  Wed., Aug. 7 SALT Mtg. – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stern 409
  Thurs., Sept. 12 SALT Mtg. – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Stern 409 (Provost Welch)
  Thurs., Sept. 26 Retreat – full-day
- Tactical Meetings (10:00-10:30 in Stern 304):
  Wed., June 25 (moved from June 26)
  Thursdays: July 25, Aug. 22, Oct. 24
  Wednesdays: Nov. 27, Jan. 22
  Thursdays: Feb. 27, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, May 28, June 25
- SALT Retreat: Thurs., Sept. 26 at Riley Center (no Tactical Mtg. in Sept.)